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Football Widow Could Have Been Actual Widow

A Wisconsin man whose love of the Green Bay Packers helped save his life has been voted into the team's Fan Hall of Fame. With 11 kids and a wife, Jim Becker, now 79, had to sell his blood to afford season tickets. A doctor later found that Becker's father died at 43 of a condition in which the blood retains too much iron. The only treatment: to remove the iron by giving blood. (AP)

"Common sense would tell you that running around a stadium dressed as a bomber has the potential to end very badly."

— **JUDITH COLLINS**, NEW ZEALAND POLICE MINISTER, ON A STUNT IN WHICH FAKE TERRORISTS WEARING FAKE BOMBS RAN AROUND DURING A CROWDED RUGBY GAME.

Dear Cultists: Please Stick With Kool-Aid



Devotees of a Miami man who claims to practice a traditional African religion say they were sickened when they drank the mucus of a giant African snail. Authorities in January raided Charles Stewart's home after receiving complaints. The giant African snail is prohibited in the U.S. without special approval. Followers said they got violently ill, losing weight and developing strange lumps in their stomachs. (AP)



WHITE WHALES perform a synchronized swimming routine with their trainers during a show at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium-amusement park in Yokohama, Japan, Sunday. In addition to dancing whales, the Paradise features more than 100,000 sea creatures, plus a roller coaster and a merry-go-round. (EXPRESS)

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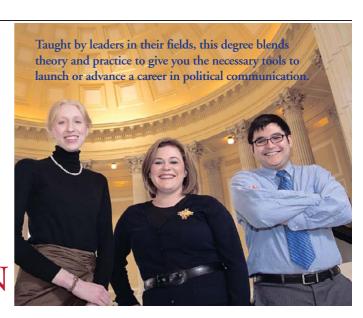
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Northeast Dries Out After Blitz Of Intense Rain

Egg Harbor, N.J.

Last month, the Northeast was smothered by blizzards. Now, it's waterlogged by torrential rains.

The region mopped up Sunday after a bout with high wind and heavy rains that uprooted trees, downed power lines and flooded some creeks and rivers. Five people died in storm-related accidents, and hundreds of thousands were without electricity.

More than a half-million customers in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut lost electricity at the peak of Saturday's storm, which carried wind gusts of up to 70 mph. It came about two weeks after heavy snow and hurricane-force winds left more than a million customers in the Northeast in the dark. (AP)

Shootings in Va., Nev. Share Link

Guns in both attacks were once property of Tenn. police force

Washington

Two guns used in high-profile shootings this year at the Pentagon and a Las Vegas courthouse both came from the same unlikely place: the police and court system of Memphis, Tenn.

Law enforcement officials told The Associated Press that both guns were once seized in criminal cases in Memphis.

The use of guns that once were in police custody and were later involved in attacks on police officers highlights a little-known divide in gun policy in the United States: Many cities and states destroy guns gathered in criminal probes, but others sell or trade the weapons in order to get other guns or buy equipment.

In fact, on the day of the Pentagon shooting, March 4, the Tennessee governor signed legislation revising state law on confiscated guns. Before, law enforcement



 $Law\,enforcement\,officials\,huddle\,outside\,the\,Pentagon\,Metro\,stop\,on\,March\,4\,after\,a\,gunman\,opened\,fire, injuring\,two\,officers.$

agencies in the state had the option of destroying a gun. Under the new version, agencies can destroy a gun only if it's inoperable or unsafe.

John Timoney, who led the Philadelphia and Miami police departments and served as New York City's No. 2 police official, said he doesn't think police departments should be putting more guns into the market.

"I just think it's unseemly for

police departments to be selling guns that later turn up," he said.

A spokeswoman for the Memphis police said gun swaps are a way to save taxpayer money.

One of the weapons in the Pentagon attack was seized by Memphis police in 2005 and later traded to a gun dealer; the gun used in the Jan. 4 courthouse shooting in Las Vegas was sold by a judge's order and the proceeds given to

the Memphis-area sheriff's office. Neither weapon was sold by the Memphis law enforcement agencies directly to the men who later used them to shoot officers.

In both cases, the weapons first went to licensed gun dealers but later came into the hands of men who were legally barred from possessing them: one a convicted felon; the other mentally ill. DEVLIN BARRETT (AP)



SIDE EFFECTS

Stock market slides may hurt more than just your savings; new research suggests they might prompt heart attacks. Duke University researchers found a link between how a key stock index per-

formed and how many heart attacks were treated at their hospital shortly after the recession began in late 2007. Earlier studies have found higher rates of heart problems after World Cup soccer matches, earthquakes, hurricanes and other stressful events. (AP)

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Gibbs: 'This Is the Week'

Obama spokesman predicts House will pass health care bill

Washington

Even as a House Democratic leader admitted that Democrats are still lacking votes, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs proclaimed Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation" that "this is the week" that the House will pass the Senate's health-care reform bill and send it to President Obama's desk for his signature.

House Majority Whip James Clyburn, D-S.C., cautioned on NBC's "Meet the Press" that "as of this morning" House Democrats don't have the votes to pass the Senate bill, but he is "very confident



White House spokesman Robert Gibbs pressed the House to act on health care.

that we will get this done."

Gibbs said the president is talking to Senate leaders to make sure the upper chamber will take up and pass a reconciliation bill to modify the Senate legislation in order to

satisfy the concerns of Democratic House members. He also said the "special deals" that the president found objectionable, such as Nebraska's exemption from paying its share of the proposed Medicaid expansion, "are indeed out of" the reconciliation bill.

Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., also appearing on "Face the Nation," called the Democratic plan to pass health-care reform through budget reconciliation "the most brazen act of political arrogance that I can remember since the Watergate era." He pledged that Republican senators will "certainly offer a large number of amendments" and "go sentence by sentence through this 3,000-page bill to make sure rules are followed" during the reconciliation process. MATT DELONG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Social Security IOUs Come Due

Fund will pay out more than it collects beginning this year

Parkersburg, W.Va.

The retirement nest egg of an entire generation is stashed away in this small town along the Ohio River: \$2.5 trillion in IOUs from the federal government, payable to the Social Security Administration.

It's time to start cashing them in.

For more than two decades, Social Security collected more money in payroll taxes than it

paid out in benefits. This year, for the first time since the 1980s, the retirement program is projected to pay out more in benefits than it collects in taxes — nearly \$29 billion more.

Sounds like a good time to start tapping the nest egg. Too bad the federal government already spent that money over the years on other programs, preferring to borrow from Social Security rather than foreign creditors.

In return, the Treasury Department issued IOUs in the form of Treasury bonds. Now the government will have to borrow even more money to start paying back the IOUs, and the



Social Security checks are printed at a U.S. Treasury facility in Philadelphia.

timing couldn't be worse. The government is projected to post a record \$1.5 trillion budget deficit this

Social Security's shortfall will not affect current benefits. As long as the IOUs last, benefits will keep flowing. But experts say it is a warning sign that the program's finances are deteriorating. Social Security is projected to drain its trust funds by 2037.

"This is not just a wake-up call; this is it. We're here," said Mary Johnson, a policy analyst with The Senior Citizens League. "We are not going to be able to put it off anymore." STEPHEN OHLEMACHER (AP)

TREATMENTS



Many Americans with leaky heart valves soon might be able to get them fixed without open-heart surgery. A study shows that a tiny clip, above, implanted through an artery was nearly as effective as surgery, doctors reported Sunday. The device is already on sale in Europe, and its maker hopes to win approval to sell it in the U.S. next year. (AP)

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World

Netanyahu **Apologizes For Gaffe**

Jerusalem

Israel's prime minister expressed regret Sunday for a crisis with the United States over plans to expand a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, even as American officials played down the apology.

Israel's already strained relationship with the U.S. hit a new low last week when the Jewish state announced plans during a visit by Vice President Joe Biden to build 1,600 homes for Israelis in east Jerusalem, which Palestinians claim as their capital.

The news embarrassed Biden and cast a shadow over U.S.-mediated peace talks. A day after Biden left, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton called Netanyahu and vented frustration for 43 minutes.

In his first public comments on the matter, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet Sunday that he was sorry about the fiasco. "There was a regrettable incident that was done in all innocence and was hurtful, and which certainly should not have occurred," he said. At the same time, he gave no sign he would scrap the settlement plan. Josef Federman (AP)

Mexico: U.S. Couple Fatally Shot

Consulate employee, husband are killed in drug-plagued city

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico

Three people with ties to the American consulate were killed in a drugplagued Mexican city, including a U.S. couple shot to death within sight of the border with their baby in their backseat, officials said Sunday.

President Obama expressed outrage over the killings, and Mexican

President Felipe Calderon promised a swift investigation.

Several U.S. citizens have been killed in Mexico's drug war, most of them people with family ties to Mexico. However, it is rare for U.S. government employees to be targeted.

The three died during a particularly bloody weekend in Mexico, with nearly 50 people killed in apparent drug-gang violence.

The U.S. consulate employee and her husband were shot to death Saturday in their car near the Santa Fe International bridge linking

Meanwhile ...

The State Department on Sunday authorized the temporary departure of dependents of U.S. personnel in the consulates of northern Mexico, including in Tijuana, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey, and Matamoros — not just because of the incident in Juarez, but because of violence mounting along the border. The U.S. had already discouraged Americans from traveling to places in Mexico plagued by drug violence. (CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR)

Ciudad Juarez with El Paso, Texas, said Vladimir Tuexi, a spokesman for the Chihuahua state prosecutors' office. Their baby was found unharmed in the backseat.

Killed were consular employee Lesley A. Enriquez, 35, and her husband, Arthur H. Redelfs, 34, according to Robert Cason, Redelfs' stepfather.

The White House said the husband of a Mexican citizen employee was also killed Saturday, apparently in a separate shooting. Mexican authorities had no information on that slaying. OLIVIA TORRES (AP)

Thais Launch Anti-Government Protest



BUDDHIST MONKS JOIN a protest march against Thailand's government in Bangkok on Sunday. Up to 100.000 people demonstrated peacefully in the capital to demand that Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva call new elections.

Iraqi PM Leads Poll in Partial Tally

Baghdad

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki edged ahead Sunday in a tight race in the country's parliamentary elections after partial results from all of Iraq's 18 provinces showed his bloc leading in seven — two more than his chief rival.

The early tally strengthens al-Maliki's chances of retaining the prime minister's post.

According to the partial count from Iraq's 18 provinces released by the country's electoral commission, al-Maliki's State of Law coalition leads in seven provinces.

His closest challenger, the secular Iraqiya bloc led by former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, leads in five provinces, while Shi-



Al-Maliki

ite Iraqi National Alliance and the main Kurdish coalition each lead in three.

The results were based on partial vote counts released over the

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World

A 'Warning' in Kandahar

Taliban say attacks show they're ready to battle NATO troops

Kandahar, Afghanistan

The Taliban on Sunday called their deadly bomb attacks on the southern Afghan city of Kandahar a warning to NATO's top general that the insurgents were ready for the war's next major offensive in their heartland.

The series of bombings that demolished buildings and killed dozens - including 10 people at a wedding — prompted the provincial governor to plead for more security in the area. Fearful residents said they had no confidence that either government or foreign troops can protect them.

Taliban spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi said the Saturday night attacks proved the insurgents were still able to operate despite the buildup of Afghan and international troops in preparation for a push into Kandahar province.

A Taliban-linked Web site called



U.S. soldiers return fire after militants attacked on Sunday in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

the attacks a "warning" to NATO's Gen. Stanley McChrystal, who has said coalition forces will target Kandahar later this year after driving the insurgents from a stronghold in neighboring Helmand province.

"Gen. McChrystal has said that soon they will start their operations, and now we have already started our operations," Ahmadi told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "With all the preparations they have taken, still they are not able to stop us."

However, Ministry of Interior spokesman Zemeri Bashary said the attacks failed to achieve their main objective, which was apparently to repeat the success of a 2008 suicide bombing at the prison gates that freed hundreds of criminals and suspected insurgents. Canadian troops had recently reinforced the lockup with cement block.

The multiple explosions killed at least 35 people, according to the Ministry of Interior. KAY JOHNSON AND NOOR KHAN (AP)

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World

Nepal Seeks New Niche

Country hopes to be a tourism destination for same-sex couples

Kathmandu, Nepal

Nepal wants to paint Mount Everest pink.

It wants gay honeymooners trekking through the Himalayas.

It wants to host the world's highest same-sex wedding at Everest base camp.

But mainly, the conservative Hindu nation wants a chunk of the multibillion-dollar gay tourist market to help pull it out of poverty.

That quest — brushing aside historical biases in pursuit of economic opportunity — is symbolic of one of the gay rights movement's most stunning successes.

Just five years ago, police were beating gays and transsexuals in the streets. Now, the issue of gay rights is almost passe here.

Nepal has an openly gay parliamentarian, it is issuing "third gender" identity cards, and it appears set to enshrine gay rights - and possibly even same-sex marriage



Transgender peer educators embrace during a meeting in Kathmandu, Nepal.

— in a new constitution.

"[It] is not an issue anymore, for anybody," said Vishnu Adhikari, a 21-year-old lesbian. "Society has basically accepted us."

That acceptance has become a major marketing opportunity for a country cursed by poverty but blessed with majestic beauty.

Tourism is one of the main drivers of Nepal's economy, worth about \$350 million last year, and government officials are determined to double tourism to 1 million visitors next year.



Path to Equality

After a civil war between the government and Maoist insurgents a few years ago — during which homosexuals and transgender individuals were marginalized - Nepal's centuries-old monarchy was abolished. In 2007, the Supreme Court ordered the government to draw up new laws to protect gay rights, which will be incorporated into the document expected to be ratified later this year. (AP)

They hope gay tourists will be far more lucrative than the backpackers who travel on shoestring budgets.

"They do have a lot of income. ... they are high-spending consumers," said Aditya Baral, spokesman for the Nepal Tourism Board. "If they behave well, if they have money, we don't discriminate." RAVI NESSMAN (AP)

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Money

A Bailout for Your Electricity Bill

States to promote efficient appliances with trade-in rebates

Personal Finance

About three dozen states will soon offer you a rebate of as much as \$250 if you trade in your clunky old clothes washer, refrigerator or water heater for a more efficient model. Besides the money back, you'll welcome the savings on your electric bill.

Here is a primer on the program.

WHEN: Nearly three dozen states will roll out appliance rebate programs over the next two and a half months, according to the Department of Energy. You can find the schedule for your area at Energysavers.gov/financial/70022. html.

WHY: The Obama administration is trying to stimulate economic activity while also encouraging consumers to be more efficient in their energy use. Under the fed-



eral stimulus act, the government has allocated \$300 million to the states and seven U.S. territories for appliance rebates.

WHAT: Eligible trade-ins will vary by state. In California, for instance, the program will give rebates for three types of appliances: clothes washers (\$100), refrigerators (\$75) and air conditioners (\$50). You

must purchase an Energy Starqualified appliance. An Energy Starclothes washer, for example, uses about 30 percent less energy and more than 50 percent less water than a regular washer.

HOW: Generally, people are required to contact the state agency running the program through a Web site or a telephone number

to reserve their rebate before they buy an appliance. The amount of time allotted to submit your proof of purchase varies by state, so check the program's Web site.

The program will last as long as the states and territories have money to support it. For instance, Iowa's program was so well-received that it exhausted its funding of \$2.8 million for about 9,000 rebates in six hours on March 1.

HOW MUCH: Amounts could range from \$50 to \$250, depending upon the product being purchased, the purchase price and "other market factors," the DOE says. Unfortunately, you can't get a rebate retroactively for that energy-efficient appliance you bought before your state's program went into effect.

The DOE says replacing a clothes washer made before 2000 with a new Energy Star model can save \$135 per year in water and electricity costs; replacing a refrigerator made before 1993 with a new Energy Star one can lower your electric bill \$65 per year.

MARK WILLIAMS (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Weddings

Spring has sprung and so have the wedding invitations. Here are a few ways to cope if a crystal sugar bowl or a setting of designer china just isn't in your budget.

Get Focused.

Keep your goal in mind. You are giving someone a gift to celebrate their marriage, not attach a price tag to your relationship with them. So, buy what you can afford, with their taste in mind.

Add a Personal Touch.

Find a way to incorporate the couple's tastes and hobbies into a gift. For people who enjoy art, consider a museum membership or a subscription to an art magazine. Or consider donating in the couple's names to a charity that supports a passion of theirs.

Be Resourceful.

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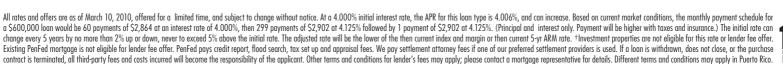
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Local

Bat Mishandling Alleged

Group says National Zoo is responsible for deaths in bat colony

Washington

The idea was for the National Zoo to establish a captive colony of endangered Virginia big-eared bats, to shield them from a deadly epidemic and ensure that there would be survivors should the wild population be destroyed.

But five months after the project began, most of the bats in the colony are dead, and a consultant hired by the zoo said it mishandled the animals and disregarded advice she gave that might have saved them.

"Mishandling of the bats resulted in broken fingers, soiled fur, skin infections ... bruised legs ... anorexia, capture myopathy and death," the consultant, Missy Singleton, wrote in a December report.

Zoo scientists said there have been bruises, eating problems and fatal skin infections among the bats



Experts say there are only about 15,000 Virginia big-eared bats in existence.

- caused, essentially, by captivity, not by mishandling.

The zoo admitted that the effort has been distressing. Officials said that the surviving 10 — of the original 40 — may also die.

The controversy is being played out against the backdrop of the socalled "white-nose syndrome," a fungus that has killed more than a million bats of various kinds in recent years throughout the Northeast.

On Monday, the watchdog group Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility blamed the situation on the zoo's "ignorance and incompetence," and asked the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to revoke the zoo's permit for the colony and transfer the surviving bats elsewhere.

Diana Weaver, a spokeswoman for the wildlife service's northeast region, said in an e-mail Thursday that the agency is investigating.

"All information we have received from the Smithsonian so far leads us to believe they are doing everything they can to care for the remaining bats," she wrote.

Bats are major consumers of mosquitoes and other pests, and any threat to them is worrisome, experts said. The wildlife service has said there are only about 15,000 Virginia big-eared bats in existence and if the disease strikes them, "this bat subspecies could likely become extinct." MICHAEL E. RUANE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

A Pearl of D.C. History

Group hopes boat will help educate public on slave escape attempt

Washington

The Pearl Coalition, which hopes to educate people about a 160-year-old D.C. story — the largest recorded slave escape attempt in American history — thinks it has found the perfect learning tool: a schooner the same size as the slaves' original getaway boat.

The only problem: The vessel is stuck in El Salvador awaiting \$300,000 in repairs before it can sail to its new home in the District.

"The story of the Pearl is classic. It is the American dream at its best," said David Smith, executive director of the coalition, a team of D.C. movers and shakers, historians and educators. "It is something to be proud of."

On April 15, 1848, more than 70 slaves from Maryland, the District and Virginia gathered at the Seventh Street pier in Southeast Washington and boarded the Pearl, hoping it could take them to freedom. Stormy weather left them stalled in the Chesapeake Bay long enough to be recaptured, but the attempt brought fame to some of the passengers and buoyed the abolition movement.

"Freedom might have been geographically close but a very different thing to achieve," said Mary Kay Ricks, an author of a book on the Pearl's history. "It was an event that shook Washington. It shook



The Spirit of the Pearl, which resembles the historic Pearl, sails to El Salvador in '09.

Congress."

The Pearl Coalition was originally formed by Lloyd D. Smith, David Smith's grandfather and a D.C. planner and community leader.

David Smith would like to start a program in which youths would learn the hands-on skills of carpentry and boatmaking while repairing the Spirit of the Pearl in El Salvador. Once the boat arrives in D.C., those youths could work to get the vessel ready for educational cruises for schoolchildren and tourists.

The coalition is still in discussion with city agencies and the Southwest Waterfront development project to secure a place for the vessel. CHRISTY GOODMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Details of New Va. Budget Facing Vote Released

Richmond, Va.

The new budget facing a General Assembly vote cuts \$250 million from public education, erases unpaid days off for state workers and slashes fee increases the Senate sought by 60 percent.

But it also retains Medicaid

reimbursement cuts of 7 percent by 2012 for hospitals, nursing homes, doctors and other health professionals unless Virginia receives \$370 million in federal support for the program.

The details are in documents released Sunday afternoon by House and Senate budget committee staffs

who had scrambled after a deal was struck around 1 a.m.

The state's two-year appropriations plan of about \$70 billion makes the deepest cuts to state programs and services in modern history. With state revenues \$4 billion shy of their targets, the new budget returns to 2006 levels. (AP)

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Sports





A lex Ovechkin, left, was ejected in the first period on Sunday after he hit the Blackhawks' Brian Campbell from behind. Ovechkin received a game misconduct for the hit.

Caps Storm Back Sans Ovechkin

After star is ejected, Washington stuns Chicago in overtime

The Capitals

Alex Ovechkin was kicked out early, the Washington Capitals fell behind 3-0, and that's when they showed why they have the

NHL's best record and highest-scoring offense.



Nicklas Backstrom scored unassisted with 1:50 left in overtime — his

second goal of the game — to give the Capitals a 4-3 comeback victory Sunday against the Blackhawks.

"It's a strong sign, especially now at the end of the season," Backstrom said. "We know [Ovechkin]



Caps goalie Jose Theodore, left, celebrates with teammate Eric Belanger Sunday.

is a key to our team and he scores a lot of goals. We have shown that we can play, that our other key players can play, too."

After his sprint up the side, Backstrom maneuvered around Chicago

defenseman Brent Seabrook in the left circle and beat Antti Niemi.

Ovechkin, the two-time MVP and the league's leading scorer this season, got a game misconduct in the first period for knock-

ing Chicago's Brian Campbell into the boards.

"There's nothing I can do right now. He just fell, and this happens," Ovechkin said.

Campbell stayed down for several minutes before he was able to leave the ice with a trainer at his side and then headed to the locker room. He did not return to the game. He has an upper-body injury and will not make the Blackhawks' road trip to the West Coast.

Ovechkin went to the penalty box after being assessed a five-minute boarding penalty and then into the locker room after being given a game misconduct.

"I didn't hit him hard," Ovechkin said. "I pushed him, but he fell bad. It probably looks bad. I thought it was going to be two minutes, but the linesman came to me and said 'Game over." RICK GANO (AP)

In Brief

HORSE RACING

Owner: Rachel Alexandra Won't Race vs. Zenyatta

The owner of Rachel Alexandra says his horse of the year won't run against unbeaten Zenyatta next month. Jess Jackson said his 4-year-old filly is not in top form after her second-place finish in Saturday's New Orleans Ladies at the Fair Grounds. The fillies were scheduled to race for the first time in the \$5 million Apple Blossom on April 9. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL

Broncos Trade for Quinn

The Cleveland Browns have traded quarterback Brady Quinn to the Denver Broncos for fullback Peyton Hillis and a 2011 draft pick. The teams announced the trade Sunday. Quinn's departure comes one day after the Browns agreed to terms with free agent Jake Delhomme on a two-year contract. (AP)

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Kentucky Wins SEC Title

John Wall scored seven of his 15 points in overtime, and No. 2 Kentucky rallied from five down with 2:28 left in regulation to beat Mississippi State 75-74 on Sunday for the Wildcats' 26th SEC tournament championship. (AP)

TV Lineup

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M.,

ESPN) The women's NCAA tournament field is announced.

WIZARDS (9 P.M., CSN) The Wizards begin a long road stretch with a game against the Utah Jazz.

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN) The Nats take on the Braves in spring training action.

NBA (8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., ESPN) The Celtics host the Pistons, and the Lakers visit the Warriors.

NHL (7 P.M., VERSUS) The Devils take on the Bruins.

SOCCER (3:55 P.M., ESPN2) Liverpool hosts Portsmouth in the Premier League.

Richmond Falls Short Against Temple in A-10 Championship

Men's College Hoops

It's like old times in the Atlantic 10: Temple is once again the conference champion.

Ryan Brooks hit four free throws over the final 50 seconds, and the top-seeded and 17th-ranked Owls won their third-straight conference tournament title, holding off a gutty rally by Richmond for a 56-52 victory in the championship game on Sunday.

Tournament MVP Juan Fernandez scored 18 points, and Brooks and Ramone Moore finished with 12 each for Temple (29-5), which earned a third-straight automatic

bid to the NCAA tournament and its ninth conference title.

Picked to finish fifth in the preseason poll, Temple players hugged at halfcourt and jogged around high-fiving fans, with Fernandez carrying the flag of Argentina.

Richmond had a chance to tie

the game in the final seconds, but David Gonzalvez missed a 3-pointer with seven seconds to play.

Kevin Anderson, the conference player of the year, stepped up late for Richmond and scored nine of his 14 points in the final 7:06 to help the Spiders rally from a 12-point deficit. (AP)

Sports

Nats' Strasburg Splendid Again

Phenom tosses three shutout innings in start vs. Cardinals

The Nationals

Stephen Strasburg is more than holding his own against major league hitters. Challenging weather conditions aren't intimidating the Washington Nationals' top prospect either.

Strasburg pitched three scoreless innings, and the Nationals fell to 0-10 in exhibition play with a 7-3 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Facing 30 mph gusts, Strasburg accomplished something no other Nationals starting pitcher has done in a dismal spring: turn in consecutive scoreless outings.

A crosswind whipped his fastball out of the strike zone and sent his changeup darting into



Stephen Strasburg has shined this spring, but the Nationals have yet to win a game.

something resembling a Mariano Rivera cutter. Strasburg just breezed through the winds like they weren't there.

The top overall pick in last year's draft allowed two singles and a walk in his second spring training start. The right-hander threw 29 of 49 pitches for strikes, stretching

his scoreless streak to five innings. "It's difficult to adjust to, especially when you've got a crosswind. … You just gotta go out there and pitch with what you got and compete. Not every game is going to be perfect — 72 degrees, no wind, not a cloud in the sky," Strasburg said. (AP)

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Sherron Collins leads No. 1 Kansas.

Top Billing Goes to the Jayhawks

Men's College Hoops

Kansas, Kentucky, Duke and Syracuse earned top billing and the No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament Sunday, with the Jayhawks named the top seed overall for the 2010 version of March Madness.

Play starts Tuesday with an opening-round game between Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Win-

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The number of teams to earn a tournament spot out of the Big East, the most of any conference. tournament goes into full swing Thursday. In shaping the bracket the selec-

throp, and the

bracket, the selection committee didn't include teams' performances in their last 12 games —

a longtime staple of its expansive criteria that was deemed as carrying too much weight.

But Syracuse (28-4) still took a bit of a hit, ranked fourth among the top seeds, behind Duke, and was sent to the West region. The Orangemen closed out the season on their first two-game losing streak and lost center Arinze Onuaku in a loss to Georgetown in the Big East quarterfinals.

Onuaku is expected back for his team's opener Friday against No. 16 Vermont. (AP)

For NCAA, the More the Merrier?

Tournament officials consider expanding the field to 96 teams

Men's College Hoops

The college basketball season's most significant question does not concern a team, player or coach, but rather an easily recognizable, straight-lined symmetrical image, a bracket that has emblazoned T-shirts and hampered office productivity in March for a quarter century.

The NCAA tournament — tweaked just once since 1985 — is potentially on the verge of a dramatic growth spurt that could alter its beauty, appeal and long-term relationship with the sporting public. The NCAA, which could opt out of its \$6 billion television rights deal with CBS by July 31, is considering expanding the 65-team field to include as many as 96 teams.

As teams jockeyed for seeding and berths in this year's tournament, coaches, fans and media members engaged in a public debate — much like the private one NCAA executives are having with informed parties — about what, if any, changes should be made to a three-week event that has become one of the nation's most popular sports fixtures.

Most fans and media members pan significant expansion because they feel it will cheapen the regular season, render many firstround NCAA tournament games unappealing and reward middling



 $George\,Mason's\,Final\,Four\,run\,in\,2006\,has\,led\,some\,to\,call\,for\,a\,larger\,NCAA\,field.$

teams when they have little to no chance to win the national championship.

Most coaches endorse it because it would provide memorable experiences for more players, benefit capable teams they feel are excluded from the current field and perhaps even save jobs of colleagues who are judged by their ability to make the NCAA tournament.

The following issues are all paramount: Should the purpose of the event be to create the best experience for the players? Should it be to stage the fairest championship event? Or should holding an enter-

Other Options

Not all coaches agree expanding the NCAA tournament field to 96 teams is the right move. West Virginia's Bob Huggins wants to see Division I basketball split into subdivisions, much like what is done in college football. Florida State's Leonard Hamilton would be open to every Division I team playing in the NCAA tournament. And California's Mike Montgomery has said, if expansion occurs, perhaps the extra round of games could take the place of conference tournaments. (TWP)

taining tournament be the focus? Asked those three questions, Greg Shaheen, the NCAA's senior vice president of basketball and business strategies, said simply, "Yes."

Maryland's Gary Williams and

"This year's ... 66 is not going to be good enough to play for the national championship, so I would be hard-pressed to make a case for number 96."

- ESPN.COM'S JOE LUNARDI

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim have been among the most outspoken proponents of expansion in recent years. Both national title-winning coaches have missed the NCAA tournament in a decade that has been defined by parity.

In 2006, George Mason became the first mid-major team in the modern era to reach the Final Four, and the Missouri Valley Conference earned as many tournament berths (four) as the ACC. At the time, Mason's inclusion was extremely controversial. The Patriots' magic run, some say, shows why a bigger at-large field is best for the tournament.

"How many people thought George Mason had a chance to play in the Final Four?" Virginia Tech coach Seth Greenberg asked. "They were about the 63rd team, right?" ERIC PRISBELL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Home Teams





The Hoyas showed the value of conference tournaments this weekend. By reaching the Big

East finals, Georgetown displayed the consistency needed to earn a No. 3 seed in the Midwest. The Hoyas will play San Diego State on Thursday in Providence, R.I.





A dramatic stretch run caught up with Maryland in the ACC tournament, which the team was

eliminated from in its first game. The Terrapins' stock wasn't hurt, though, as they were named a No. 4 seed in the Midwest and will play Houston on Friday in Spokane, Wash.

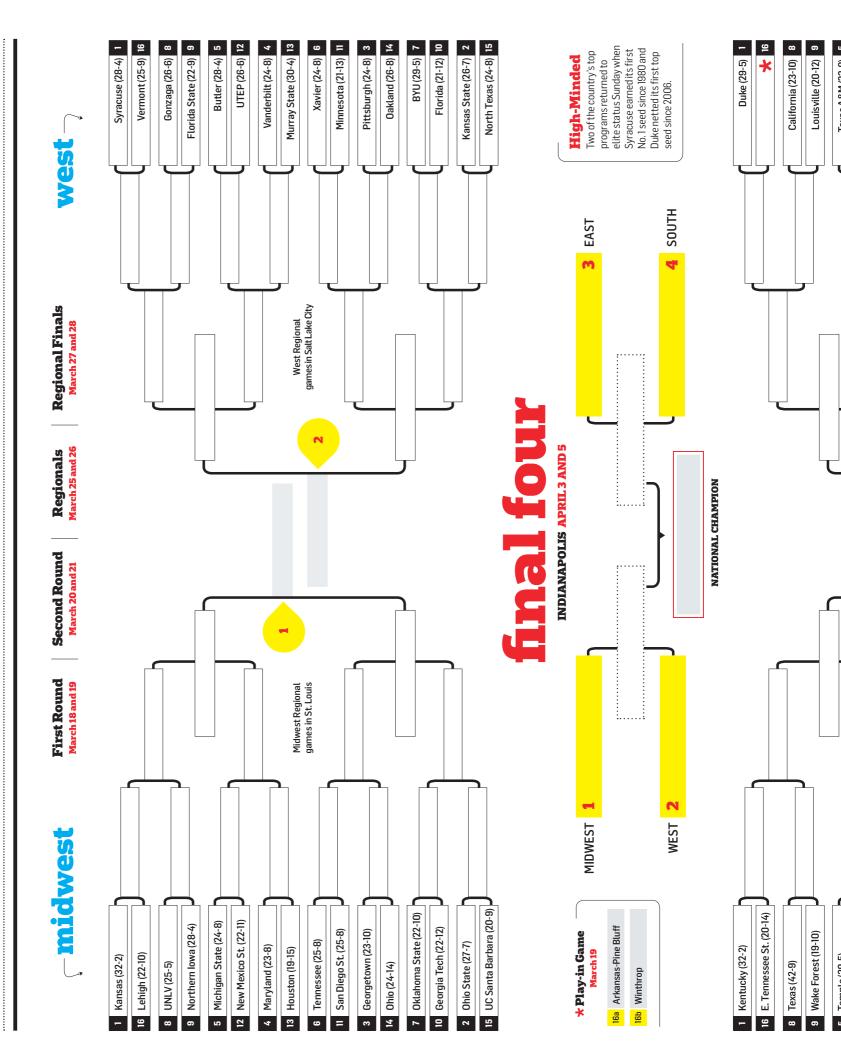




The quintessential bubble team this year, Virginia Tech would have benefited most

from an expanded field. Instead, a loss to Miami in the ACC tournament was the ultimate decider against the Hokies, who are headed to the NIT and not the Big Dance.

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And, please, whatever you do, refrain from irritating redheads with your dreadful opening gambits. It's not cute just because you're drunk.

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If you want a little more food to soak up your Guinness, try Commonwealth (1400 Irving St. NW). It'll be featuring beer and whiskey flights, along with a special corned beef and cabbage meal for \$14. It seems like a lot of money for pub food, but you'll also avoid paying a cover charge, so it evens out.

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Walk on the Open Road

Nashville legend John Hiatt brings wit and wisdom to his latest album

CD Review

Even if you've never heard of John Hiatt, you've no doubt heard one of his songs. With a reputation as a songwriter's songwriter, the Indiana-born, Nashville-based musi-

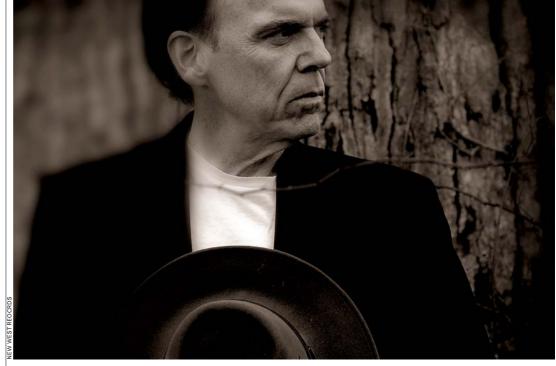


The Open Road
John Hiatt

cian has been covered by pretty much everyone who ever picked up a guitar.

Bonnie Raitt has a major hit with his "Are You Ready for a Thing Called Love?" the royalties of which sent Hiatt's kids to college. He's also been covered by Bob Dylan, Emmylou Harris, Roseanne Cash, Keith Urban and too many others to list. Even punk legend Iggy Pop tipped his hat Hiatt-ward when he included a typically raucous take on "Something Wild" on his 1990 album "Brick by Brick."

But arguably the best way to hear Hiatt's songs is to hear him sing them. He possesses a froggy voice, like a looser Dock Boggs or a less nasal Dylan, and especially 35 years into his career, that voice evokes miles of bad road and years of hard living that add texture and



 $Hiatt's \, songs \, have \, been \, covered \, by \, everyone \, from \, Bonnie \, Raitt \, to \, lggy \, Pop, \, but \, you'll \, hear \, his \, own \, voice \, on \, ``The \, Open \, Road."$

"I ain't dying. I'm alive — barely. But that being said, some of these old guys are doing their best work ever."

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truth to his lyrics.

So, while his latest, "The Open Road" (New West), is a typical Hiatt album in that it contains reliably sturdy licks and witty observations about love and regret, lust and heartache, "My Baby" is one of his randiest songs yet, as Hiatt shows off his best Elvis to

talk about a woman who "brings me coffee in her careless panties" and is "so beautiful it hurts my feelings."

By contrast, "Go Down Swingin" and "Wonder of Love" sound like statelier, more subdued ruminations on age, bolstered by concrete details that immediately pull the listener into Hiatt's world.

Hiatt recorded the songs at his home outside Nashville, inviting his touring band to lay down track during the spring and summer of 2009. "I do like the feel of this record," Hiatt says. "I think it's good garage rock and blues, with a little touch of folk rock thrown in. I'd pay to be a member of this band." STEPHEN N. DEUSNER

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entertainment lookout

Bad Girls Have Staying Power

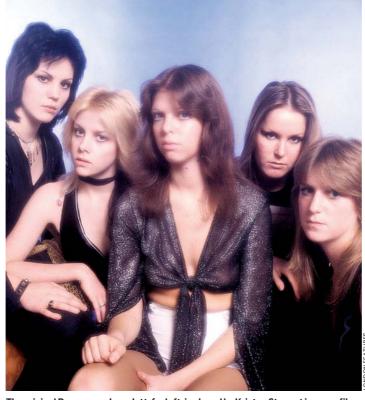
The Runaways are in the spotlight 30 years post-breakup

Music

Formed in 1975 and defunct by '79, the Runaways are perhaps more legendary than listened to. The band of teenage misfits was assembled by showbiz entrepreneur/svengali Kim Fowley, who devised their jailbait images: tight jumpsuits and lingerie sets, lyrics about come-hither glances and flipping the bird to authority figures. They recorded a handful of greatto-adequate albums, hit it big in Japan and broke up before any of them were old enough to drink.

Even if their albums have been out of print for years, the Runaways' legacy thrives. The stuttering single "Cherry Bomb" has been endlessly anthologized on punk compilations, even if the Runaways had only a glancing association with that scene or sound. After the breakup, rhythm guitarist Joan Jett sold 10 million copies of "I Love Rock & Roll," lead guitarist Lita Ford scored two solid hair-metal hits in the mid-'80s, and Cherie Currie acted here and there.

Now, more than 30 years after



The original Runaways. Joan Jett, far left, is played by Kristen Stewart in a new film.

they parted ways, the Runaways are getting the Hollywood biopic treatment. Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning certainly look the part of Jett and Currie playing fierce juvenile-delinquent trash rock, but early trailers suggest director Floria Sigismondi may be overselling their importance, implying that fame killed the band when, in fact, they struggled more than succeeded.

Coinciding with the movie release (March 19) and its soundtrack (featuring original Runaways songs along with new versions by Stewart and Fanning), Hip-O Select has repackaged the band's first three studio albums and 1977's "Live in Japan" onto "The Mercury Albums Anthology," which is more fun that you might expect or remember.

The progression from "The Runaways" in 1976 to "Queens of



Mercury Albums Anthology The Runaways

Noise" in 1977 is notable: They're trying out new sounds and styles, expanding their range and squeezing themselves out from under Fowley's thumb. Unfortunately, Currie left the group that same year, and the Runaways' third album, "Waitin' for the Night," sounds lackluster without her.

While they have influenced a wide range of female (and, no doubt, male) musicians from the Go-Gos to Courtney Love to the Donnas, the Runaways survive as much as a concept as a band. So "The Mercury Albums Anthology," despite its clunky title, is a much-needed compilation, one that complicates the legend simply by presenting the songs themselves. STEPHEN M. DEUSNER

Mixed Media



Naughty by Nature

Melissa Febos has a unique story to tell in the memoir "Whip Smart" (\$25, Thomas Dunne), in which she writes about her former job as a dominatrix. Her hourly fee of \$75 plus tips paid for her college education — and supported her drug habit. It's hard not to be curious about the world of the dominatrix. Febos describes the job of a dominatrix in great detail, from her workplace, called "the dungeon," to various client requests. "Whip Smart" is also about what Febos learned about herself and others along the way. She writes about how her view of the job went from feeling powerful to feeling increasingly uncomfortable with bizarre fantasy roles. "Whip Smart" is a quick and easy book that reads like a gabfest with friends. If You Like: Skinemax, leather. If You Don't Like: Tell-all memoirs about people's horrible childhoods. (AP/EXPRESS)

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'Canoe' **Was Taken** Computer-assisted music doesn't have to be soulless. Yacht has slowly taken its electro pop from boring to playful to full-out fantastic, with jaunty, unexpected beats and lyrics you can sing along with. FIONA ZUB-LIN (EXPRESS) Rock and Roll Hotel, 1353 H St. NE; Mon., 8:30 p.m., \$12-\$15; 202-202-388-7625, Rockandrollhoteldc. com.

Terrence McNally knows all about opera. He's written three plays about opera, in fact, and they're all being produced at the

It's Only

Kennedy Center this spring. If you want to know why anyone would write three things about opera and no actual operas, come ask him about it in his talkback session at the Kennedy Center tonight. F.z. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 7:30 p.m., \$15; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)

Legacy of Lit

It's tough for an Irish writer. With such a pantheon of glittering literary figures — Oscar Wilde, for example — it must be

> body of great Irish literature. Nevertheless, some people are trying. And you can meet them at Solas Nua's DC Irish Writers Festival, which ends tonight. Sadly, Oscar Wilde will not attend — on account of being dead. F.z. Various locations; check Solasnua.

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discouraging to try to add to the



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On 'Home Rules,' Fran Harris tackles chaotic households

Reality

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HGTV gets into the selfhelp business with "Home Rules."

Fran Harris, a former professional basketball player and "life coach," will counsel a new family every episode and help them face — and change — the bad habits that are making a mess of their finances and family life. And if they agree to tackle their problems, they get a home makeover in return.

Her first subjects are a couple who live in an oversized home in Connecticut, blow through their income of nearly \$100,000 and have nothing but debt to show for it. For all of the trappings of an upper-middle-class McMansion lifestyle, they live like squatters. Bedrooms and bathrooms remain



Fran Harris ponders the captivating rectangle-thing at which this man is pointing.

unfinished and uninsulated, and three of their four kids sleep on the floor. But their eldest daughter rules the house like a princess, sleeping in the nicest room, refusing to do chores and attending a private high school and special skating lessons that consume a large proportion of the family's income.

Harris tries to show the clueless couple that they have their prior-

ities wrong and that they have to confront some long-simmering and unpleasant issues. In many ways, this is like "Clean House" but with much higher stakes.

Not to give too much away here, but in the end, the parents don't really bite the bullet, or to stretch a metaphor, bite it very hard. But they get a complete home makeover anyway! KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

NBC 8:00



Chuck Casey is arrested for inadvertently committing treason while carrying out a mission for Col. James Keller, his old commanding officer. Chuck (Zach Levi, left) and Sarah discover the colonel has a dark secret, so they vow to break Casey out of jail and clear his name.

cw 8:00 **Life Unexpected** Jones asks Lux to the winter formal, but after Baze discovers a condom in her room, he leaps to the wrong conclusion and rushes to the dance. Cate struggles with painful memories about the night Lux was conceived as she serves as chaperon.



Law & Order After a man is found guilty of a hate crime, Emily Ryan and the Innocence Collective try to get his conviction reversed. But Emily's overeager student assistant may have crossed a line.

BRAVO 10:00 **Kell on Earth** Under extreme stress at the office, Stefanie reaches her boiling point and approaches Kelly to discuss her workload and her future at People's Revolution. Kelly clears her schedule to spend high-quality time with daughter Ava. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Special



News Lite

ABC decimated its news department a few weeks back. Now the network seems intent on humiliating the surviving employees. Tonight the network will air "Inside the Bachelor: The Stories Behind the Rose" (8 p.m., ABC), a two-hour retrospective of the past season starring Jake Pavelka. What does that have to do with news? Nothing, except for the fact that it's being touted as a "20/20" special from the beleaguered news department. K.M.

weddings lookout

BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS & UNIONS



Anannya Das, Daniel Vall-llobera

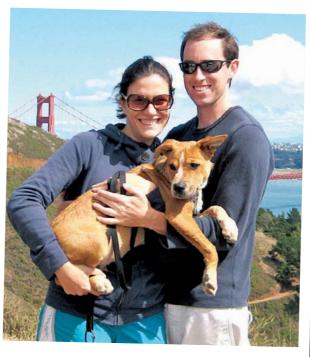
Anannya, 28, is a senior operations analyst. Daniel, 26, is a clerk. They live in Falls Church.

- The Main Event: Two weddings: one informal, in San Juan, Puerto Rico on March 20; and a second, formal Indian ceremony, March 27 in Tysons Corner
- **How They Met:** They attended the same work-related happy hour.
- First Impressions: "I thought he was very nice and extremely funny," Anannya says. "I thought she was

cute and funny with a gorgeous smile."

- First Date: They got dinner at Legal Sea Foods and saw the movie "27 Dresses." "He actually admitted the movie 'wasn't that bad,' which I know is guy code for 'I liked it,'" says Anannya
- How He Proposed: "We went ring shopping. After we bought it, I couldn't contain myself and proposed as soon as we got home."
- Stupidest Fight: Over whether Michael Phelps' marijuana use was a big deal. "Given that neither of us cares about swimming, Wheaties or Subway, this wasn't a very productive argument," says Daniel.
- Pet Names: She's "Silly Lilly" and he's "BooBoo Bear."

"After we bought the ring, I couldn't contain myself. I proposed as soon as we got home."



Three Sheets to 'I Love You'

Thank goodness for ex-girlfriends and wingladies: Marissa Dondoe and Patrick Maher wouldn't be where they are today without them. Patrick's ex invited him to watch a football game at a bar with friends and co-workers, one of whom was Marissa. They clicked immediately ("I thought he was nice and had a good story," Marissa says), but he left the bar without her number. He had to ask the ex for Marissa's e-mail address. "But Marissa didn't quite remember meeting me — she was a bit drunk when we first met at the bar — and she had been on a few bad first dates." So, if not for another mutual friend's egging Marissa into saying yes to a date, they'd never be getting hitched this summer.

Marissa, 26, is an analyst. Patrick, 27, is a exercise physiologist. They live in Bethesda and will marry Aug. 28.



Lisa Egner, Alex Rein

Lisa, 24, is a lab technician. Alex, 26, is a hardware engineer. They live in D.C.

- The Main Event: On July 17, they'll wed outdoors in an Asian-inspired garden in Monticello, Ill. "The wedding colors are royal blue and ivory to match my sapphire engagement ring," Lisa says.
- Honeymoon: Camping out in a yurt on a private island in the Adirondacks.
- How They Met: They were studying abroad in France. Alex adds: "We couldn't stand anyone else on the trip, and that brought us together."
- First Date: After the official study

"We became an item somewhere between Marseilles and Venice."

abroad program ended, they decided to vacation together in Europe. "We became an item somewhere between Marseilles and Venice," Lisa says

- How He Proposed: On a weekend trip to Shenandoah National Park, when, picnicking under a waterfall, he popped the question.
- Stupidest Fight: "Once, I stormed out of Whole Foods because he was taking too long at the granola bins."
- When She Knew: When they adopted a kitten together. "It made me feel like we were a family."
- Making It Unique: Since Lisa is a belly dancer, she plans to "bust out a few shimmies" during the reception.

Monya Hudsick, Jose Luis Obando

Monya, 29, is a Whole Foods team member. Jose, 31, is a plumber. They will live in Wheaton.

- The Main Event: They're tying the knot in Silver Spring on March 20, with 100 family members and friends there. Monya's aunt will be the cantor.
- **How They Met:** At Whole Foods, where they both worked.
- First Impressions: "I saw Monya,

and I knew I wanted to talk to her. But being the new guy, I was nervous to go right up to her. So, I would bring customers over so she could help us look for things in the store." "He and I shared a moment at the end of aisle two where truffles were being sampled, and I knew this was my green light to ask him to take a break with me."

■ First Date: "After several months of 'Whole Foods dating,' we finally got up the cour-



age to spend time together outside Whole Foods," Jose Luis said. They got pizza and viewed the cherry blos-

- How She Proposed: He always spoke fondly of a Swiss army watch he had lost, so she gave him a watch engraved with the words, "Te amo until the end of time."
- Making it Unique: The tables at the wedding are named after Whole Foods aisles ("the Grocery Table, Wine Table") in honor of how they



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SHOULD THE NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT **EXPAND TO A 96-TEAM FIELD?**

90% 10%

"Absolutely not! There are already 33 teams too many in the tournament! The only teams that should be playing are conference winners and top 25 teams."

COMMENTER KEVIN

"I'm glad the NCAA is going to extend the basketball tournament when it can't seem to manage to find a way to have a football playoff like every other college division. Could it have something to do with money?"

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

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"Even if it is not a propaganda arm or a gimmick, the Coffee Party is a response to the Tea Party, and therein lies the problem.

In terms of where we as liberals need to be focusing our response, the Tea Party is neither here nor there."

- RIVERDAUGHTER.WORDPRESS.COM

FINDS THE COFFEE PARTY MOVEMENT, WHICH KICKED OFF SATURDAY, TO BE A RATHER LAME POLITICAL MOVEMENT.



"We had a feeling Lady Gaga had some geek mixed with the glitter in her veins, and now, thanks to her new music video with Beyonce, it's pretty clear that she digs 'Star Wars.'"

- STARWARSBLOG.STARWARS.COM WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE POP SINGER'S REFERENCES TO THE MOVIE IN HER LATEST VIDEO. "TELEPHONE."

"To say that this is practically Jason Bourne in a military uniform wouldn't be too far-fetched."

- RAMASCREEN.COM THOUGHT THE NEW FILM "THE GREEN ZONE" — STARRING MATT DAMON — WAS IMAGINATIVE BUT NOT VERY IMPRESSIVE



"PETE SAMPRAS and Andre Agassi probably have a better rivalry in retirement than anyone on the ATP. Awwwwwkward."

- THEBIGLEAD.COM THOUGHT THE EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE TWO TENNIS STARS AT A CHAR-ITY EVENT IN INDIAN WELLS, CALIF., OVER THE WEEKEND WAS RATHER ODD. SAMPRAS IMITAT-ED AGASSI'S PIGEON-TOED WALK, AND AGASSI RIBBED SAMPRAS FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING A CHEAPSKATE

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's a game of give-and-take, and it's your turn to give. Fortunately, you're well prepared to do more than expected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) What you learn from others can be put to use almost immediately. Interactions may be colored by a change in your expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You're likely to be surprised by another's candor. There is no reason to shrink from this situation; answer truth for truth.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may find yourself embroiled in a situation that demands more from you than even a recent challenge. Was this of your own making?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll be playing a supporting role, but the focus is likely to be on you nonetheless. The help you offer makes a big difference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll feel your energy rising, and your eagerness to excel increasing as well. You may not be seeing yourself through the proper lens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Limitations that you are facing can be lifted, but that can happen only under the right circumstances. Progress needn't be thwarted at this time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're sure to be attracted to novelty of all kinds - and as a result you may find yourself straying from an unhealthy course.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Resist the temptation to fall into the pattern of behavior demonstrated by those around you. You can rise above

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have been playing it safe for a while, and you can put more on the line

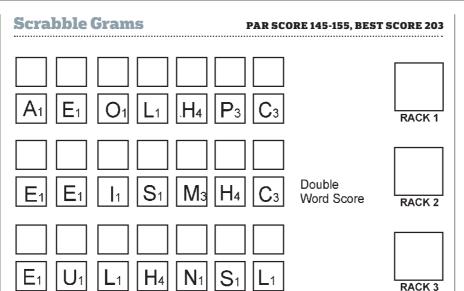
- and receive much more as a result.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

the crowd.

You won't be able to keep the truth from that certain someone who knows you better than you know yourself.





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POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

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Tomorrow: Clouds yielding to some sun tomorrow. Clear tomorrow night.

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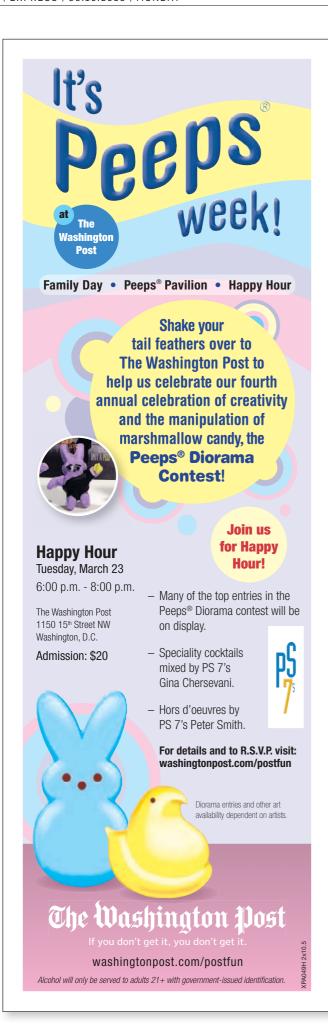
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Crossword **GET COMFORTABLE**

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- 13 "Stalag 17" denizens
- 14 1760-yard racer
- 15 "Roger, ___ and out!"
- 16 Noteworthy historical
- 17 It has a ring to it
- 19 Credo for a dieter or trucker
- 21 "Now seen everything!"
- 22 Kentucky college town
- 23 Hint of hue
- 27 Soldier's helmet, in
- 29 Pre-rehearsal job
- 31 Abates
- 32 Words of
- comprehension
- 33 Annoy
- 34 Stays and gets comfortable
- 39 "To a ..." poem
- 42 Mason's brick carrier
- 43 Chinese fruit (var.)
- 47 Mother's "maybe"
- 50 Suction device
- 51 Acclaim
- 52 Former Turkish official
- 55 Down-under bird
- 56 "Sit!"
- 59 Gossin
- 62 Devoid of a cover
- 63 Thermometer type
- 64 Unblinking look
- 65 Smaller in degree
- 66 Wire service output
- 67 Rains hard
- 68 Explosive initials

DOWN

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- 5 15-year-old, legally

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- 6 Bottom-of-the-food-
- chain organisms
- 7 Pain in the brain
- 8 Jason's vessel
- 9 Candy containing a fruit
- or nut
- 10 "Hail," to Ovid
- 11 Title for McCain (abbr.)
- 12 MOMA offering
- 13 Garment size
- 18 Salamanders, early on
- 20 Lower in reputation 24 Writer's fine pont?
- 25 Animal with a silent
- first letter
- 26 Breakfast breakable
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- 30 Jesus' mount, in John
- 32 Venerable
- 35 ___ Who
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Maine becomes the 23rd state

President Woodrow Wilson meets with reporters for what's been described as the first presidential press conference.

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PHOTOS

Please Enjoy This Giant Pic of Joy Behar's Head

Joy Behar, Cynthia Nixon and the series "Brothers & Sisters" are among this year's recipients of media awards from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. Presented Saturday in New York, winners of the 21st Annual GLAAD Media Awards also include the sitcom "Parks and Recreation," "The Rachel Maddow Show" and the Lifetime network film "Prayers for Bobby. (AP)

Actress Wastes Valuable Child-Bearing Months

Jennifer Love Hewitt and Jamie Kennedy have split after dating for one year, People.com reported. A source told People that there was no infidelity or drama: "It wasn't contentious. It had kind of just run its course. ... They just sort of looked at each other and said, 'We like each other and we make each other laugh, but this isn't for the longterm." (EXPRESS)



We have no doubt this was "amicable" and they'll remain "very good friends."

Stunt Casting



Heidi Montag Acquired as Prop

Heidi Montag has landed a cameo appearance in "Just Go With It," a 2011 comedy starring Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston and Nicole Kidman, Usmagazine. com reported. "It's a new day, a new beginning ... memorizing my script for the feature comedy movie I am filming all next week," she posted on her Twitter page. (EXPRESS)



Corey's **Family**

CEREMONIES Corey Haim's funeral, planned for Tuesday, will be paid for by the Aid for ruesday, will be paid for by the city of Toronto, the actor's hometown and, now, his final resting place, "Access Hollywood" reported. City officials had no comment. Also chipping in is Startifacts.com, a celebrity memorabilia site that has offered \$20,000 to pay for Haim's tombstone and other expenses. Haim had very little money when he died, sources say. (EXPRESS)



YOUNG LOVE 'Perfect' Doesn't **Unreasonably Raise Expectations AT ALL**

Demi Lovato, star of the Disney Channel's "Sonny With a Chance," revealed on Friday that she and Joe Jonas are a couple. "Yeah, he is my best friend, and he is incredible," she said on "The Billy Bush Show." Lovato also called Jonas a "complete gentleman" and "perfect." The pair met on the set of "Camp Rock" in 2007 and recently recorded a duet, "Make a Wave." (EXPRESS)

"If I had two difficult kids. I wouldn't send them away and ask for new kids."



KATE GOSSELIN. WHO IS ALLOWING THE FAMILY'S TWO DOGS TO RETURN HOME. GOSSELIN SENT THE GERMAN SHEPHERDS SHOKA AND NALA. AWAY LAST YEAR

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